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TOPIC Briesen Airfield.

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REMARKS

SOURCE ☐ 25X1X

- 25X1A 1. Between ☐ no workers were released from Briesen airfield, and the total labor force was still about 2,000 men. The Soviet labor unit was still working at the eastern turning apron and at the approach lane. On ☐ the construction office that on the same day, the commander of the ☐ brigade, Lieutenant Colonel Suvorov (fnu), had left for Melzow for about seven days. Suvorov was accompanied by a Major or Lieutenant Colonel Kanatovski (fnu) (phonetical spelling). (1)
- 25X1A 25X1A 2. From a map at the construction office, ☐ that 2,500 meters of the runway were completed, and that previous information that the runway would be 2,000 meters long was not correct. (2) In order to meet the target date set for ☐ 10 additional apprentices were hired on ☐ to cut the trees in the eastern approach lane. By ☐ 80 percent of the trees were cut and clearing on the western approach lane was to start. It was planned to extend this lane to the west beyond the Brand-Briesen road, and to detour the street farther to the west. Trees were to remain just east of the railroad line to protect the airfield against observation from the west.
- 25X1A 25X1A 3. Fifty percent of the levelled area along the runway and the western turning apron was sodded. On ☐ the southern taxiway, 10 meters wide, was completely concreted. (3) Twelve of the 22 hardstands were concreted, the others were being worked on. (4) Each hardstand was surrounded with pines for camouflage purposes. The airfield lighting was not worked on. A fuel tank, about 16 meters long and 3 meters in diameter coated with concrete, arrived and was stored at the southern border of the field.
- 25X1A 4. The officers' billets in Jagen (forest subareas) 59 and 60 were completed but not equipped with furniture as yet. (5) Work was done inside of the MI quarters. The construction of three or four one-story brick buildings south of Kulturhaus had not started.
- 25X1A 5. The drilling operations observed between ☐ were part of the construction of a purifying plant in Jagen 56 which was being completed. The drilling operations observed in ☐ in Jagen 69, 250 meters northeast of the quarters, were to obtain water. A brickhouse, probably a pumping station, was constructed at the most productive site. The Brand-Krausnick road was still blocked. The airfield was guarded by German

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